

Our Color Guard at the American Cemetery, Normandy, France

The 134th Annual Meeting of the California Society Son of the American Revolution

BEST CASSAR COLOR GUARD EVENT - 2009

The Orange County Chapter hosted the 134th Annual State Society Meeting and did an excellent job. Attending from our Chapter were Lowell Downer, Melvin and Kathy Harrell, Jim and Paula McHargue and Don and Linda Moran.

Our Chapter was recognized in several areas. President Stephen Renouf who participated in this years *George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces* created a special award and presented it at the Saturday Banquet. He called it the "Best CASSAR Color Guard Event - 2009". First Vice President Melvin Harrell accepted it on our behalf. From the applause received, it appeared a lot of our brother Chapters agreed!

We also were recognized for having the most joint meetings and the most publicity of any Chapter in the State.

The publicity award was, thanks to the effort of Com-patriot John Webber of the Harbor Chapter, who arranged advertising the "2008 Massing" on PBS television every hour on the hour from February 1st until the 17th - over 400 Television ads!

The Delegates elected an extremely good group of officers for the coming year. They are:

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1st V.P. MELVIN HARRELL ACCEPTED THE STREAMER AND CERTIFICATE FROM STATE PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF. (photo courtesy of Jim Blauer)

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Named Best Newsletter
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12 NOON - SATURDAY MAY 16th, 2009

Program



**Commander
Chuck Lampman**

**The Life and Times of
Governor
Bernardo de Galvez**

Speaker:

**Cdr. Charles R. Lampman,
USN (Ret.)**



**General
Bernardo Galvez**

Chuck will provide a biography of Governor and General Bernardo Galvez, who led the Spanish Forces during the American Revolution to victory over the British



to be held at the

Tam O'Shanter Inn - 2980 Los Feliz Blvd. - Los Angeles
\$20.00 per person - Guests always welcome -
reservations **not** required



Our Chapter has seven Compatriots in uniform and we wish to formally thank them for their service.

- Lt. Col. David Smith, USAF - (Edwards AFB, California).**
- Major Mason Dula, USAF - (Middle-East),**
- Capt. Eric Fourroux, USA - (Iraq),**
- 2nd Lieutenant Sean D. Hayball, USA - (Schofield Barracks, Hawaii)**
- Sergeant Major William Fitzgerald, USMC - (Okinawa)**
- LCpl Christopher Pickens USMC - (Colorado)**
- PFC Daniel Pickens USA - (Fort Knox, Ky)**



Welcome New Compatriots

The Sons of Liberty Chapter is delighted to welcome a new Compatriot into our Chapter and the SAR.

Compatriot
Andrew R. Clayton
Ancestor

CAPTAIN ELIAS DAVIS, SR.

Who served the cause of the American Independence as a Lieutenant in Captain Moses Nowell's Company during the Lexington Alarm, then as a Captain in Colonel Jonathan Titcomb's Regiment and later in Colonel Timothy Pickering's Regiment Massachusetts Militia.

**Compatriots in the News
Happy Birthday**

Conrad Palisano - - - - - 05/01
Brett Dula - - - - - 05/05
Howard Kent Soper - - - - - 05/05

Stephen Swafford - - - - - 05/05
Kevin McParland - - - - - 05/08
Richard Breithaupt, Sr. - - - - - 05/09
C. S. Robertson, M.D. - - - - - 05/10
Dale Runge - - - - - 05/12
Glenn Gujda - - - - - 05/13
Frank Price - - - - - 05/17
Paul Kirk - - - - - 05/19
Jack Tice - - - - - 05/19
Tate Rauschenbach (youth) - - - 05/20
Lt. Col. Elmer Morse - - - - - 05/21
Gary Bohannon - - - - - 05/22
Ari Gordon - - - - - 05/23
John Bartle - - - - - 05/26
John Borncamp - - - - - 05/28

Happy Anniversary

Lowell & Cora Downer
Married: 05/01/1954 - - 55 years

James & Paula McHargue
Married: 05/05/1984 - - 25 years

Jon & Cindy Winthrop
Married: 05/06/1978 - - 31 years

Berni & Mary Campbell
Married: 05/09/1943 - - 66 years

Karl & Sandra Jacobs
Married: 05/13/1964 - - 45 years

Frank & Kathryn Price
Married: 05/15/1965 - - 44 years

Jerry & Marjorie Baker
Married: 05/17/1952 - - 56 years

Charles & Tracy Maples, D.O.
Married: 05/18/1992 - - 17 years

Richard & Marilyn Macy
Married: 05/24/1970 - - 39 years

Report of the Registrar

Name	1	2	3	4	5
Nicholas Anduze	✓				
Michael Biferno	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Borncamp	✓				
Dino Cardone	✓				
Jay Dupre	✓				
Michael Gillepie, Sr.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Gillespie, Jr.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jonathan Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Harrell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gary Alan Harris	✓	✓	✓		
Joshua Hayball	✓	✓			
Bradley Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bob Jacobs	✓	✓			
Bill Knoll	✓				
John Lundstrom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Mohler	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sean O'Rourke	✓				
Chris Schutzenberger	✓				
David Slay	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ray Simison	✓	✓	✓		
Michael Squires	✓	✓			
John Stites	✓				
Daniel Wilson	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Matthew Wilson	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Legend

- (1) Worksheet sent to applicant
- (2) Worksheet received
- (3) Genealogical work in progress
- (4) Application in preparation
- (5) Application at National for approval
- (6) These are transferred to our Chapter.



Officer: "I know you hate me, and after you get out of the Army I'm sure when I die you'll visit my grave and spit on it!"

Guardsman: "No Captain, when I get out of this man's Army I'll never stand in another line!"

Berni K. Campbell,
Registrar



THE 134TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR MEETING - continued from page 1.

Compatriot Curtis Porter, Chairman of the Valley Forge Teacher's Program selected our nominee teacher Shirley Judy as one of the two teachers we will be sending to Valley Forge. The Program is entirely financed by the California Society.

Our Editor, Don Moran, has been appointed by President the Rev. Louis Carlson to continue as Editor of *The California Compatriot*. President Renouf presented Don the *James LaFayette Cogswell President's Award* for 'outstanding service to the California Society;

Don who also serves as the State Color Guard Commander and the State President selected the awards for the "Best Chapter Color Guards" a contest based on points for various activities. This years winners are Large Chapter, **Sacramento**, Mid-Sized Chapter, **Riverside**, and Small Chapter, **Redlands**. He and the State President also select the Color Guardsman of the year. This year **Tom Chilton**, our State Registrar, was selected and was presented the Gold von Steuben Color Guard Medal (one presented each year),

and they also presented the Silver von Steuben medal to Compatriots **Keith Bigbee** of the Gold Country Chapter and our own **Melvin Harrell**. The Bronze von Steuben Medal was presented to outgoing President Stephen Renouf.



OUTGOING STATE PRESIDENT WAS SURPRISED WHEN THE STATE COLOR GUARD COMMANDER DON MORAN PRESENTED HIM WITH THE BRONZE VON STEUBEN COLOR GUARDSMAN MEDAL



COMPATRIOT TOM CHILTON OUR STATE REGISTRAR, AND MEMBER OF THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER'S COLOR GUARD FOR OVER A DECADE NAMED "COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR" AND RECEIVING THE GOLD VON STEUBEN MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF, AND STATE COLOR GUARD COMMANDER DON MORAN TOM WEARS THE UNIFORM OF THE 4TH MASSACHUSETTS.



OUR COMPATRIOT MELVIN HARRELL RECEIVING THE SILVER VON STEUBEN MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF, AND STATE COLOR GUARD COMMANDER DON MORAN - MELVIN NOT ONLY SERVES AS OUR CHAPTER'S COLOR GUARD, BUT PARTICIPATES IN COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES WITH THE RIVERSIDE AND REDLANDS CHAPTERS.



↳ THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARDS AT THE STATE MEETING. FROM THE HARBOR, REDLANDS, RIVERSIDE, SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, SONS OF LIBERTY, THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIFORMED AS THE 'COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARDS'. THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER AS 'LEE'S LEGION', THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER AS THE 2ND CONNECTICUT CONTINENTAL REGIMENT, SACRAMENTO CHAPTER AS THE 4TH MASSACHUSETTS CONTINENTAL REGIMENT (NOT SHOWN), AND A GUARDSMAN FROM THE GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER, AND THE REV. PHIL DOBSON FROM THE KERN CHAPTER, AS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR CHAPLAIN (NOT SHOWN).



Quill, Printing Press and now the Computer

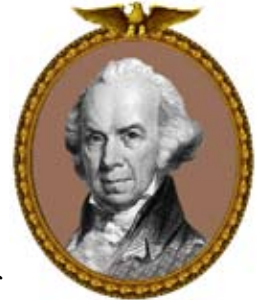


BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, PRINTER

When Benjamin Franklin departed Philadelphia for Paris in 1776, he took a portable printing press with him, something then on the cutting-edge of technology. Franklin knew that to achieve his goal of bringing France into the Revolution on the American's side he would have to affect the opinions of a wide circle of people in France and

people's thoughts and kept their desire for freedom burning during times of deprivation and difficulty.

Today, people are again turning to 'underground' sources of information. Newspapers are fairly homogenous today. As costs have risen, the number and variety of sources newspapers depend upon for their news have become fewer. Readers are looking for ideas and points of view that are no longer represented in their local daily's. Newspaper readership is down, and major newspapers are shutting down their presses.



ISAIAH THOMAS

More and more, people are getting their news, opinion and ideas from the Internet. As in colonial times, anyone who wants to start a newspaper can. The cost of entry is much lower today than then, since no investment in a printing press is required. That means every possible opinion is represented in cyberspace, no matter how ridiculous. Since our method of government was founded on an informed citizenry it's vital that quality information is available and easily accessible online. That's why your chapter's web site, **revolutionarywarArchives.org**, was first published, and why we need to keep it fresh, informative and interesting.

back home in the new United States. His printing press was instrumental in getting Franklin's message out to the people who would make a difference, and, as we all know, he was wildly successful.

In those revolutionary times, patriots looked to alternative publications to get their message out to the average colonist. "*The Massachusetts Spy*" was an underground newspaper printed by Sons of Liberty member Isaiah Thomas. The British considered the publication so outrageous they labeled Thomas' print shop a "*sedition foundry*." But the colonists were eager for his message. In fact, there is some speculation that *The Massachusetts Spy* was the motivation for Thomas Paine to write "*Common Sense*".

By the end of the Revolution there were hundreds of newspapers in the United States, all catering to the interests of their communities. Newspapers played a vital role in keeping the ideas alive that inspired our founders. They kept the reasons for independence constantly in the

Interest in **Revolutionary-WarArchives.org** is, frankly, astounding. Last month we had 17,522 unique visitors to the site. More importantly, we are tracking for almost 40,000 visitors who stay on the site for an extended period and who are finding real value in what we are offering. That's a subscriber base that many print publications would find very attractive today. And to think that these results are



ISAIAH THOMAS'S "MASSACHUSETT SPY" JULY 7TH, 1774

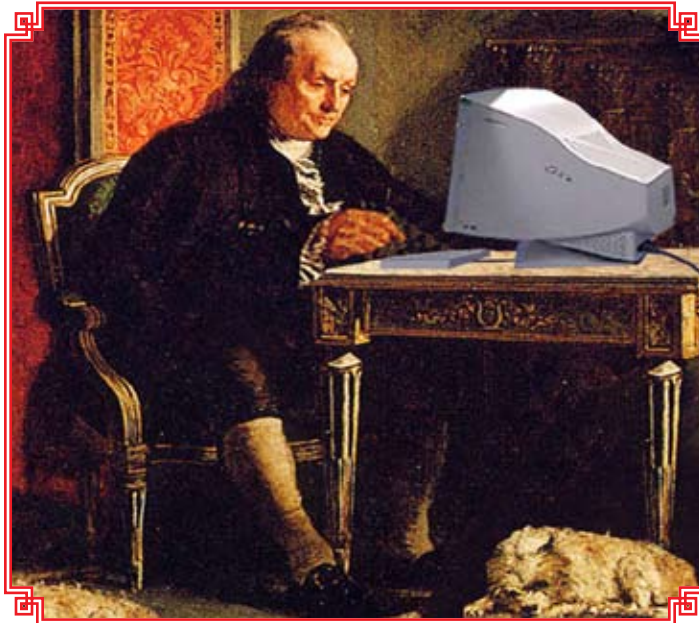
achieved with absolutely no advertising or marketing of any kind!

In the near future **Revolutionary War**



Quill, Printing Press and now the Computer

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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WOULD HAVE LOVED COMPUTERS!**

Archives.org will be changing. We will be using new software to publish the site that will allow for greater flexibility in providing content, and improved ease of use for our readers. It is fully scalable, and will allow for tremendous expansion, limited only by our imagination, and by the commitment of our chapter to make the site what it can be.

Content is king in web publishing. Static web sites are doomed to declining readership and irrelevance. It will take the dedication of everyone in our chapter to keep a steady stream of the quality, relevant content we require to keep our site growing. There is a tremendous need to keep the story of the American Revolution alive, especially for today's youth.

One way to accomplish that goal is to develop content that grade-school teachers can use in planning their lessons about American history. If we can become known as a reliable resource of quality content, we will see rapid growth of traffic on our site, and help harried teachers bring a positive message to their students.

You can help. Contact me at webmaster@sons-of-liberty-sar.org to find out how easy it is for you to help us achieve our goal of "perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people."

**UPDATE ON THE USS NEW YORK***(PHOTO IS ACTUALLY THE USS SAN ANTONIO, SAME CLASS)*

In just over a year away from the commissioning of the latest LPD class ship scheduled for September 11th, 2009, the USS New York continues her post-christening outfitting and shipyard work.

Most everyone knows there is twenty-four tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center was melted down and included in her bow section, but the effect that had on the shipyard workers was most interesting and understandable/

"Those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence", recalled Captain Kevin Wensing, USN, who was there. *"It was a spiritual moment for everybody there".*

The foundry operations manager, Junior Chavers, said that when the World Trade Center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the *"hair on my neck stood up. It had a big meaning to it for all of us"*.

The USS New York is the fifth ship in the new San Antonio class of amphibious transport dock ship (LPD). The fleet already has the first three of this class on the waterfront, namely the first in the class, USS San Antonio (LPD 17) based in Norfolk, the USS New Orleans (LPD 18) based in San Diego and the third, USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), also homeported in Norfolk.

The fourth ship, USS Green Bay (LPD 20), has been launched and christened and has a scheduled commissioning, joining the west coast fleet in San Diego, in late 2008.

Future construction of this class of ships are the USS San Diego (LPD 22), the USS Anchorage (LPD 23) and the last two ships to bear the names of 9-11 attacks, USS Arlington (LPD 24) commemorating the attack on the Pentagon and USS Somerset (LPD 25), commemorating United Airlines flight 93, brought down by American patriots.

President George Washington "I have not a Moment for Genealogy" Really?



George Washington
supporting his
Coat of Arms

Researching the life of anyone from the past leaves unanswered questions. In spite of the numerous biographies, surviving letters, and journals, questions about George Washington still exist. The General's consistent use of a Coat of Arms and at the same time his well known statement: "***I have little moment for genealogy***" 'moment' meaning 'time' in the 18th century. It would then appear to be a contradiction, We believe we have found the answer to this puzzling question.

Among the treasured documents preserved at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, exists a portfolio of original letters exchanged between George Washington and Sir Isaac Heard, Garter Principal, King of Arms, London, England. These letters concern a request for genealogical information on the American Washington family. Sir Isaac wrote then President Washington on December 7th, 1791:

"From a sincere respect for the distinguished character of Your Excellency, I made a genealogical collection, many years ago, relative to the Family of Washington, originally from Lancashire, branches of which were established in the Counties of Northampton, Kent and Wilts, enjoying ample possessions. Several of the family had been knighted in the early part of the last century. Exclusive of the Heralds Visitations & various Registers & M.S.S. preserved among the archives of this college, I procured Extracts from several Parochial Registers & copies of monumental inscriptions in different parts of this Kingdom. I likewise obtained lists of, & inspected the Wills & Administrations of any of the Name from the Reign of Queen Elizabeth to the present time; in the hope of proving the exact connection of your branch, tho' this is not fully accomplished yet. If you Excellency will have the goodness to complete the imperfect sketch of your Pedigree here inclosed, & make such additions as may be in your power, I have no doubt but the connecting link will be clearly supplied.

Your Excellency will observe, that I have obtained a part of your own Pedigree from the Will of Laurence Washington in Virginia dated 11 March 1696/7 & proved in London 10 Dec^r 1700, an abstract of which is enclosed, as well as Abstracts of two administrations. The family arms, of which a small painting accompanies this, were confirmed in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth by Clarenceux, King of Arms to Laurence Washington, Esquire, Lord of the Manor of Sulgrave in Northamptonshire. I should have transmitted by this occasion the ancient part of the Pedigree of Washington including the different branches, but I should feel a particular gratification if Your Excellency will condescend to enable me previously to complete my collection by showing the descent in one view. I have requested Mr. Thornton to lay this before Your Excellency & to receive the honor of any commands Your excellency may be pleased to confer on.



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Your Excellency's most respectful
& most obedient Humble Servant,
Isaac Heard, Carter

One of the surviving documents sent by Sir Isaac was a sketch of the heraldic stained glass windows



found at Sulgrave Manor (which is found on page 8). We can safely assume that the reason for this inquiry from Sir Isaac Heard was official. The Heralds of England were responsible for documenting the genealogies of their countrymen, and owing to George Washington's international fame, he was considered, at least by the English, to be one of them.

These letters, plus other surviving letters form an intriguing pattern. Washington responded to Sir Isaac on May 2nd, 1792, but only after corresponding with some of his kinsmen. He wrote on March 24th, 1792 to the Hannah, widow of Warner Washington.

"Dear Madam,

Having lately received from Sir Isaac Heard a letter, with a sketch of a genealogical table of the family of Washington, I have taken the liberty to enclose copies of them to you, begging your assistance to enable to comply with the request he made (if among the papers of my deceased relation there be any trace of this matter) that I will complete the sketch, by making the additions which are there wanting, or rather filling up the blanks. as I have heretofore paid

but little attention to this subject, and my present avocation not permitting me to make the necessary research now, I am induced to ask your aid "

Washington wrote a similar letter to Hannah Bushrod, the widow of his brother John Augustine Washington. Her response on April 9th, was copied by Washington almost verbatim in his response to Sir Isaac of May 2nd, 1792.

"Sir:

Your letter of the 7th of Dec. was put into my hands by Mr. Thornton, and I must request you will accept my acknowledgments as well for the polite manner in which you expressed your kind wishes for my happiness, and for the trouble you have taken in making genealogical collections relative to the family of Washington - - This is a subject to which I confess I have paid very little attention. My time has been so much occupied in the busy and active scenes of life from an early period of it that but a small portion of it could have been devoted to researches of this nature, even if my inclination of particular circumstances should have prompted the inquiry. I am therefore apprehensive that it will not be in my power (circumstanced as I

am at present) to furnish you with materials to fill up the sketch which you have sent me, in so accurate a manner as you could wish. We have no Office of Record in this Country in which exact genealogical documents are preserved; and very few cases, I believe, occur where a recurrence to pedigree for any considerable distance back has been found necessary to establish such points as may frequently arise in older Countries.

On comparing the Tables which you sent with such documents as are in my possession, and which I could readily obtain from another branch of the family with whom I am in the habit of correspondence I find it to be just. I have often heard others of the family, older than myself, say that our ancestors who first settled in this Country came from some one of the Northern Counties of England, but whether from Lancashire, Yorkshire or one still more northerly I do not precisely remember. The Arms enclosed in your letter are the same that are held by the family here, though I have also seen, and have used as you may perceive by the Seal to this Packet a flying Griffen for the Crest.

If you can derive any information from the enclosed lineage which will enable you to complete your table, I shall be well pleased in having been the means to assist you in those researches which you have had the politeness to undertake, and shall be glad to be informed of the results, and of the ancient pedigree of the



**SIR ISAAC HEARD
GARTER KING OF ARMS
AND HIS COAT OF ARMS**



The Washington Coat of Arms





family, some of whom I find intermixed with the Ferrers &ca. Lawrence Washington, from whose Will you enclose an abstract was my Grand father; the other abstracts (which you sent) do not, I believe, relate to the family of Washington in Virginia; but of this I cannot speak positively.

With due consideration
I am etc.
George Washington

Enclosed in his letter to Sir Isaac were seven pages detailing the early Washingtons of Virginia. Six years later, on April 5th, 1798, George Washington wrote his cousin Colonel William Washington a letter concerning several family matters and in the 7th paragraph he asked William: *“Did you ever receive a letter from me transmitting the request of Sir Isaac Heard of the Heraldry Office in England respecting the Genealogy of our family? and my own desires to be furnished with the Inscriptions on the Tombs of our Ancestors on [illegible] Bridges Creek? Among your father’s Papers, I thought it was likely, you might obtain some information on this head. From the coming over of John and Lawrence Washington brothers in the year 1657 I have been able to trace the descendents of the former; being the one from whom our family came; those of Lawrence, from whom the Chotanckers proceeded, I have not been able to give any correct account; and that is the Branch to which Sir Isaac Heard’s enquiries particularly point, being tolerably well informed of the descendants from John. The enquiry is, in my opinion, of very little moment, but as Sir Isaac has interested himself in the matter and seems desirous of tracing the family from whence we are descended back, I wish to give him as correct information of it as I am able to procure . . .”*



Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, England



The “Great Hall” at Sulgrave Manor with its Heraldic Stain Glass windows which are depicted in the margins of these pages.

In the case of President George Washington consider the difficult position he found himself in. Even the slightest hint that he was interested in genealogy, without his qualifying statement he made in every letter on the subject (“of little moment to me”) would provide his political enemies with ammunition. That information would permit them to attack him on the grounds that he was planning on establishing a Washington Dynasty, even crowning himself King.

Nevertheless, we have documentary evidence that he compiled a genealogical chart when he was twenty-one - - spent a great deal of time and effort to cooperate with a



The Washington Coat of Arms - crescent to designated the second son



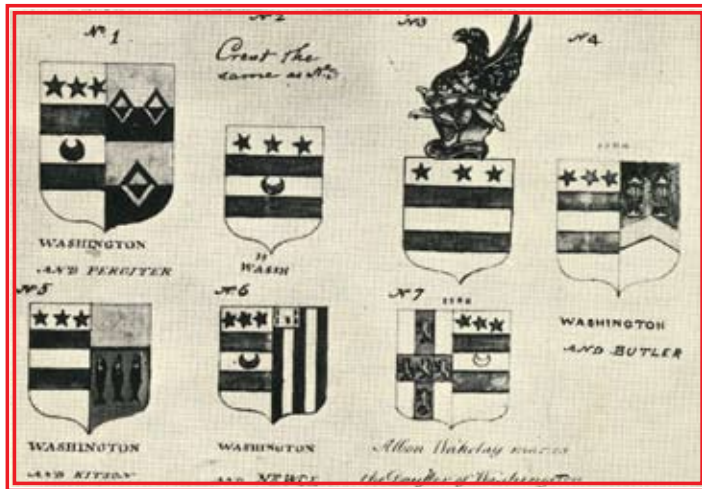
Washington impaled with the Pargiter Coat of Arms



Washington impaled with the Kytson Coat of Arms



member of the aristocracy (Sir Isaac Heard) compiling his family history. Then six years after the first inquiry from Sir Isaac, he is still asking his family members for genealogical information. Was George Washington bitten by the ‘genealogy bug?’ His regard for heraldry (coats of arms) is well known and quite obvious. Today we have literally dozens of examples of his having used the Washington Coat of Arms. His book plates, his seals, on the doors of his presidential carriage, one carved on the over mantle in his main dining room at Mount Vernon - - Some depicted below. He even used his heraldic seals on some of his presidential documents!



Sir Isaac Heard's drawing of the Coats of Arms depicted on the stained glass windows in the great hall of Sulgrave Manor.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BOOKPLATE



in Congress assembled, or any of them, grant any Title of nobility.” George Washington, who served as Presiding officer of the Constitutional Convention knew of the deep seated resentment against ‘title of nobility’ by the American people. There is no doubt that George Washington opposed the system of hereditary aristocracy, but it is equally clear he was interested in Genealogy, and obviously, from his use of, the related subject of heraldry.

Colonel William Barton who was accepted as an expert on Heraldry was a consultant to the Congressional Committee appointed to create the Great Seal of the United States. He wrote George Washington on the subject of Coats of Arms. It appears he wanted ‘his General’s opinion on the subject before he proceeded. The President replied on September 7th, 1788:

“ . . . it is far from my design to intimate an opinion that heraldry, coat-armour, &c might not be rendered conducive to public and private uses with us; or that they can have any tendency unfriendly to the purest spirit of republicanism. On the contrary, a different conclusion is deductible from the practice of Congress and the States; all of which have established some kind of Armorial Devices to authenticate official instruments”

George Washington went on in detail discussing some of the problems that had arisen by those opposed to anything that sacked of nobility.

Since the subject was addressed in the Constitution, Article 1, Section 9: “No title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office or title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince or Foreign State”

Obviously, this provision was discussed, or even debated, by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, although it is basically the same verbiage that appears in the Articles of Confederation: Article VI states: “nor shall the united States



Wakelyn impaled with the Washington Coat of Arms



Washington impaled with the Newce Coat of Arms



Washington impaled with the Light Coat of Arms

Of interest is that in George Washington's personal library at Mount Vernon, not a single book existed on the subject of heraldry or genealogy.

A special thanks to John Rhodehamel, Curator of American Historical Manuscripts at the Huntington Library, San Marino, California for granting us permission to publish these letters.

Below are some examples of George Washington's Coats of Arms.



Detail



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SIGNET RING, OWNED AND DISPLAYED AT THE SAR'S NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF MRS. ELIZABETH HAMILTON, WIDOW OF FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL HOWARD HAMILTON.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HAD HIS COAT OF ARMS CARVED INTO THE MANTLE OVER OF HIS FIREPLACE IN HIS MAIN DINING ROOM AT MOUNT VERNON. THE DINING ROOM WAS THE LOCATION WHERE MOST ENTERTAINMENT TOOK PLACE.



Sir Isaac Heard, Principal King of Arms, England



SIR ISAAC HEARD
(THE ONLY KNOWN PORTRAIT OF HIM)

Sir Isaac Heard is so interesting public servant that it was thought a brief biographical description of him would be in order, in spite of the fact he did not participated in the American Revolution.

He was born on December 10th, 1730 at Ottery St. Mary's, Devonshire, the son of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Heard.

At age 15 Isaac joined the Royal Navy as a midshipman. Serving on board the H.M.S. Blandford off the coast of Guinea he was washed overboard and almost drowned. After leaving the Navy he became a merchant travelling several times to America. In Boston he met and married Katherine Tyler, the widow of Captain David Ochterony. She had a son also named David who became a Major General in the East India Company.



SIR ISAAC HEARD'S COAT OF ARMS DESIGNED BY HIMSELF

As a Herald he rose through their ranks and in 1784 was appointed Garter, Principal King of Arms. In that position he was involved in planning numerous official ceremonies in London, among which was arranging the funeral of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson. Sir Isaac also designed and issued a grant of arms to Lord Nelson. His coat of arms was unique in that it was one of the first coats of arms depicting an actual scene - the Battle of the Nile. The style became known as landscape.

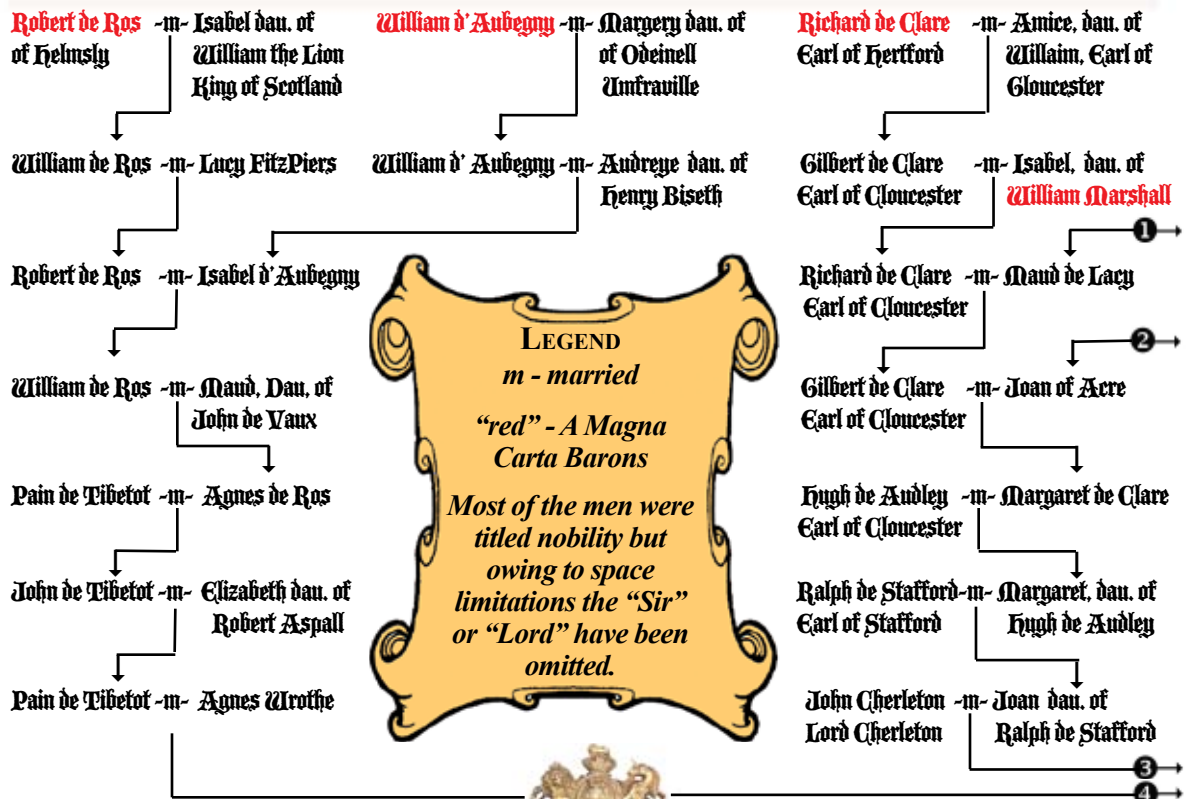
As evidenced by his correspondence with General Washington, he expanded the genealogical interests of the College of Arms to include America (as well as other British colonies). It is probable that because of his Transatlantic cooperation America never established its own College of Arms. He died on April 29th, 1822, age 91. He was so highly respected that he was buried in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, usually reserved for nobility.



The Descent of George Washington from King John and Nine of the Barons Sureties of the Magna Carta

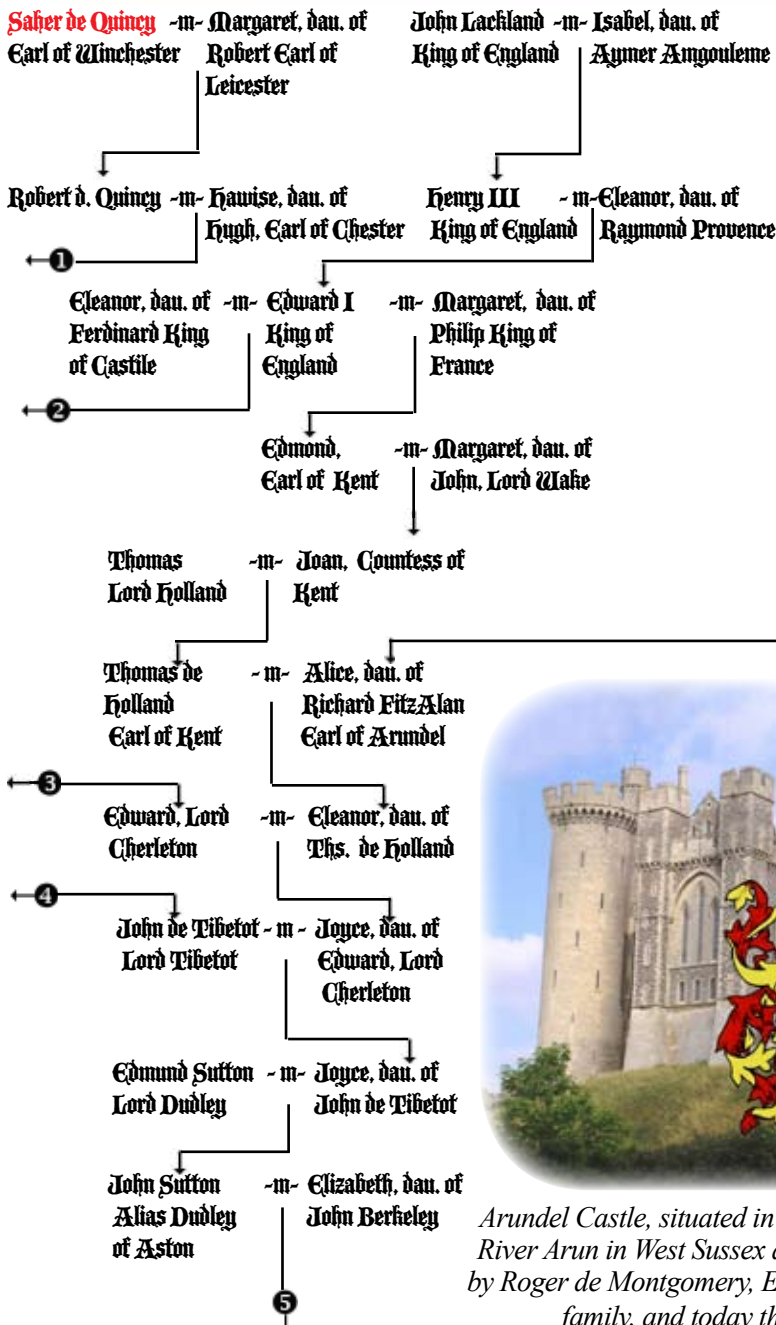
As a descendant of the Washington family descending through Elizabeth "Betty" (Washington) Lewis, sister of General George Washington and since most people know little about the ancestry of General Washington it was thought it would make an informative article. His connection to the ancient and noble families of England is most interesting.

William Scott Campbell



KING JOHN FORCED TO SIGN THE MAGNA CARTA AT RUNNYMEDE, JUNE 15th, 1215






Arundel Castle, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex and built at the end of the 11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel. than thru the FitzAlan family, and today the seat of the Duke of Norfolk.

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Historic Conjecture

We know from George Washington's own correspondence that he knew very little regarding his ancestry. Had he known he connected to some of England's most prominent families and was a distant cousin of King George III, and a descendant of nine of the Barons Sureties of Runnymede who forced King John to sign the Magna Carta, granting basic rights to the English people have influenced his thinking ?



Roger Bigod -m- Juliana, dau of Earl of Norfolk
 -m- Audrey de Vere Earl of Oxford

Hugh Bigod -m- Maude, dau. of Earl of Norfolk
 -m- **William Marshall** Earl of Pembroke

John FitzGeoffrey -m- Isabel, dau. of Hugh Bigod

Wm Beauchamp -m- Maud, dau. of Earl of Warwick
 -m- John FitzGeoffrey

Patrick Chaworth -m- Isabel, dau. of Wm. Beauchamp

Henry, Earl of Lancaster -m- Maud Chaworth

John Butler -m- Margaret, dau. of Aston le Walls
 -m- John Sutton

William Butler -m- Margaret, dau. of Tighes Hall,
 -m- John Butler



WASHINGTON OLD HALL

William de Hartburn, acquired the property near Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham some-time before 1185. See his story on page 15.

Willaim de. Hertburn -m- Margaret a/h/a/ de Wessyngton
 -m- de Huntington

William de Wessyngton -m- Alice de Lexington

Walter de Wessyngton -m- Juliana de Ryal

John de Wessyngton -m- Elizabeth de Burnside

William de Washington -m- Margeret de Morville

Robert de Washington -m- Almercia de Strickland

Robert de Washington -m- Agnes de LeGentyl

John de Washington -m- Joan de Croft

John de Washington -m- wife's name unknown

Robert Washington -m- Margaret Lambertson

John Washington -m- Margaret Kytson

Lawrence Washington -m- Aimee Anne Pargiter
 Builder of Sulgrave Manor Northamptonshire in 1539 -1540

Lawrence Washington -m- Margaret, dau. of of Sulgrave Manor
 -m- William Butler

Rev. Lawrence Washington -m- Amphyllis, dau. of Rector of Purlleigh, Essex
 -m- John Twigden

Colonel John Washington -m- Anne, dau. of Emigrated to Virginia 1656
 -m- Nathaniel Pope

Captain Lawrence Washington -m- Milfred, dau. of Westmoreland Co. Virginia
 -m- Augustine Warner

Capt. Augustine Washington -m- Mary, dau. of Westmoreland Co. Virginia
 -m- Joseph Ball

General George Washington
 of Mount Vernon, Virginia
 First President of the United States

William de Heartburn a/k/a/ William de Washington

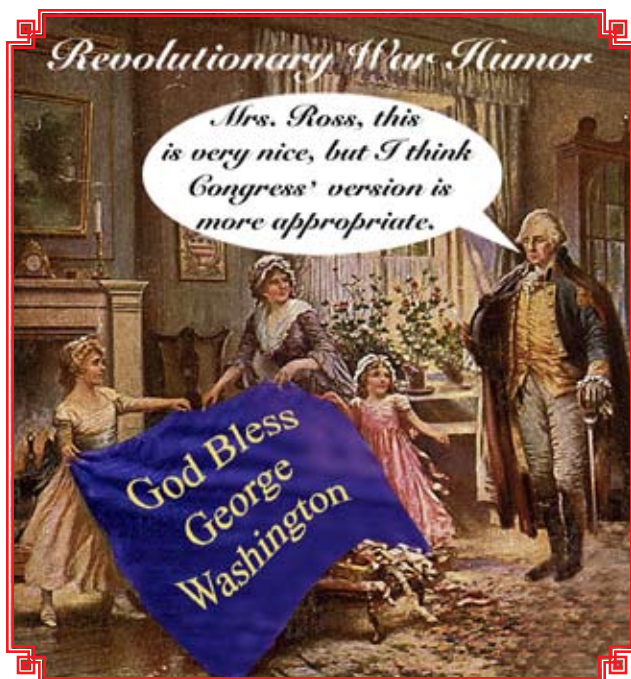
William Fitzpatric de Hertburn (Hartburn) a/k/a/ Wessyngton in front of his manor in Wessyngton, Northampton, now known as "Washington Old Hall" Sometime prior to 1183 Sir William de Hartburn, a knight, and the paternal ancestor of George Washington, exchanged his estate at Heartburn with the Hugh de Puiset, Bishop of Durham. for an estate at Wessyngton also in Northamptonshire. Being of Norman ancestry, he followed their pre-surname tradition and changed his name from de Hartburn to de Wessyngton. The "de" proceeding the surname is Norman-French for "of".

William de Heartburn married the widow Countess Margaret (de Huntington) the younger sister of William the Lion, King of Scotland, reflecting the high standings the Wessyngton family had at the time. A few generations later the spelling was changed to the present spelling of Washington.

Had William not changed his name, the capitol of the United States would be Hartburn i.e. "Heart Burn".



(This picture of William de Heartburn was created for this article).



Our Chapter's New Logo



In keeping with our conversion to full color, we have created a new logo for our Chapter. The old one was black and white and a line drawing. This version adds a dash of color whenever we use it.

The Editor



Our Chapter's SAR Flag



GUARDSMAN CHARLES FRYE
PRESIDENT OF THE REDLANDS
CHAPTER HOLDING OUR FLAG

We have been asked what all the flag streamers are that are proudly displayed on our Chapter's SAR flag. These are presented or awarded by the State or National Societies for achievements. As an example, six of the Streamers for being declared "Best Chapter in the SAR". Other for event participation, which includes our George Washington Massing of the Colors which was declared an Official National event in 1995. The majority are self-explanatory.

We added the gold star to the blue field of the flag to commemorate the loss of Compatriot / Sergeant Alan Walker, USMC, a member of our Chapter who was killed in action in Iraq in 2002.

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES AWARD 1982-1983

CASSAR BEST CHAPTER - 1988

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES AWARD 1989-1999

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES AWARD 1994-1995

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES AWARD 1996-1997

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2000

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2001

CASSAR BEST COLOR GUARD - 2001

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2002

MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY 2004 - THIRD PLACE

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES AWARD - 2001-2002

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2003

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES AWARD - 2002-2003

CASSAR BEST COLOR GUARD - 2004

POINT PLEASANT BATTLE DAYS - 2004
230th ANNIVERSARY

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2004

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL - MAY 29, 2004

CASSAR - BEST COLOR GUARD - 2005

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2006

"AND THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN" YORKTOWN - 1781 - 2006

CASSAR - BEST COLOR GUARD - 2008

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS - 2008

BEST CASSAR COLOR GUARD EVENT - 2009



The Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR, held it's April 25th, 2009 meeting at the Tam O'Shanter, President Douglas Bradley presiding. Attending were: Gary Bohannon, Doug Bradley, Jim Bradley, Berni Campbell, Scott Cambell, Lowell Downer, David Eaton, Glen Gujda, Greg Gujda, Melvin Harrell, Karl Jacobs, Ron Johnson, Don Moran, LtC Tom Pyburn. Guests were: Mary Campbell, Michael Downer, Kathy Harrell and Gary Silver

OPENING CEREMONY

The invocation was given by the Jim Bradley, the Pledge of Allegiance by Lt. Colonel Tom Pyburn, and pledge to the SAR by Karl Jacobs.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

On behalf of former President David Hayball, President Douglas Bradley presented Compatriots David Eaton and Jim McHargue the Chapter's certificates of Distinguished service for the services in 2008.

PROGRAM

Our Web Master, Compatriot Gary Bohannon presented our web site, which will shortly come on line. Using an on line projector we had a live demonstration of the entire site with all of the latest 'bells and whistles'. The new site will be exciting and a detailed discussion was held after the presentation regarding every aspect of it. It was informally agreed that a committee would be formed to carefully review to insure all is historically correct.

MARCH 21ST MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Scott Campbell and seconded by Elliott Graham that the minutes of the February 21st, 2009 meeting he accepted. The Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer David W. Eaton presented his report showing a balance in our checking account of \$ 1,013.46 It was moved by the Scott Campbell to accept the report and seconded by Gary Bohannon. The motion carried.

PERMANENT FUND REPORT

Trustee David W. Eaton presented the report on the Permanent Fund. It was moved by Jim McHargue and seconded by Gary Bohannon. The motion carried.



COMPATRIOT GARY BOHANNON ACCEPTING THE CHAPTER'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM PRESIDENT DOUGLAS BRADLEY
Photograph courtesy of Jim Bradley

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

Registrar Berni K. Campbell reported that we have 29 applicants, One having just been approved at National and 7 awaiting approval. the balance are in various stages of completion.

REPORT ON THE STATE MEETING

Vice President Melvin Harrell reported on the State Meeting. 4 of our members attended. Our Chapter was received 3 awards, and Melvin received the Silver von Steuben Color Guard medal

SUPPORT OF THE COL. JOHN FORD FUND

The request of the Redlands Chapter was tabled until our financial situation stabilizes.

ROTC / JROTC PROGRAM REPORT

Secretary Don Moran reported that all Paramount High School Army JROTC has requested they be added to our awards program. It was so moved by Scott Camp-

bell and seconded by Gary Bohannon. the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard Commander, Melvin Harrell reported on our Color Guard activities and that we will be participating in events at the Reagan Library. In the agenda packet were 3 newspaper articles regarding our recent.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Our Historian, Jim Bradley proposed that he prepare a pictorial journal of our Chapter's activities which would be distributed to our members and preserved in our archives. The proposal was informally approved.

REPAYMENT OF COLOR GUARD LOAN

An agreement was reached whereby the Chapter will repay the \$1,800.00 owed to the Permanent Fund from the general fund over the next 18 months. It was moved by Scott Campbell and Seconded by Lowell Downer. The motion carried. A formal agreement was signed by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and trustee of the Permanent Fund.

FUTURE EVENT

Former State President Karl Jacobs advised that on August 8th the Harbor Chapter is arranging a visit to the USS Lane Victory. the last of the WWII Victory ships. Details will be forthcoming.

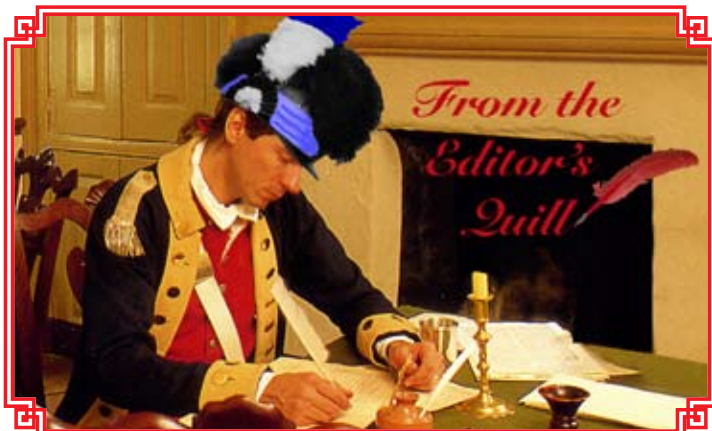
CLOSING CEREMONIES

The benediction was given by the Jim Bradley.

There being no further business before the Chapter the meeting was adjourned.

Donald N. Moran, Secretary





As our second edition of *The Liberty Tree* goes on line, your Editor is taking the liberty of submitting a few comments to the readership.

We were greatly concerned regarding the necessary decision to have to cease publishing the newsletter as a hard-copy publication, especially after 28 years. However, we have received thirty-two complementary E-mails, and no complaints! Our E-mail notification list has grown to one hundred and sixty-two (162), which further confirms the willingness of our readership to accept the change. Thank you.

There is a plus and negative side to the change. The

negative is that if you want a 'hardcopy' you have to print it yourself. The plus is our being able to publish in full color. For the years that *The Liberty Tree* as existed, we have collected a great deal of copyright free art to illustrate the articles, unfortunately, all in black and white. Now we need everything in color. It has increased the workload, but in short order, we will have converted everything to color. Being in black and white, it limited what art would work and what wouldn't - that is no longer a concern.

The biggest positive is we now have the ability to publish articles without concern for size. Many interesting subjects simply can not be adequately covered in three or four pages.

Since the historical articles will be transferred to our Chapters online *History Archives* for the benefit of our fellow citizens. We encourage those interested to consider submitting articles of general interest.

We had a question posed to us. "Why are so many of the illustrations depicted as soldiers of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard?" The answer is: "That's our Color Guard, and for the most part, original art".

Donald N. Moran
Editor

**COMING EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING**

MAY 16TH, 2009

Program

**The Life and Times of
Governor
Bernardo de Galvez**

Speaker:

Cdr. Chuck Lampman,

Chuck will provide a biography of Governor and General Bernardo Galvez, who led the Spanish Forces during the American Revolution to victory over the British

To be held at the
Tam O'Shanter Inn
2980 Los Feliz Blvd.
Los Angeles

A POINT TO PONDER

"The Country must have a large and efficient army, one capable of meeting the enemy abroad, or they must expect to meet him at home".

**Sir Arthur Wellsley, KtB
First Duke of Wellington
28 January 1811**

2009

- May 16th --- Monthly Meeting
- June 20th --- Monthly Meeting
- July 4th - 8th - Annual Congress
- Atlanta, GA
- July 18th --- Monthly Meeting
- Aug. 15th --- Monthly Meeting
- Sept. 19th --- Monthly Meeting
- Oct. 3rd & 4th ----- Marching
Through History
- Oct. 17th --- Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 13th & 14th --- State Meeting
Riverside - Mission Inn
- Nov. 21st --- Monthly Meeting
- Dec. tba ---- Christmas Party

2010

- Jan. tba ----- Installation of
Officers Luncheon